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SUBJ: LOCALE FOR PHASE 11 OF SALT

REF: STATE 144344

1. SWISS PROPOSE TO RELEASE THEIR OWN PRESS STATEMENT AT SAME TIME AS U.S. /SOVIET STATEMENT (I.E., ASSUMING SOVIET AGREEMENT, FRIDAY AT 1700 HOURS LOCAL TIME), EMBASSY'S TRANSLATION FOLLOWS. BEGIN TEXT.

(A) "THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS HAVE ASKED SWITZERLAND FOR AGREEMENT TO HOLD THE SECOND PHASE OF THEIR DISCUSSIONS CONCERNING LIMITATION OF STRATEGIC ARMS (SALT) AT GENEVA.

(B) "THE FEDERAL COUNCIL, IN CONCERT WITH THE GENEVA STATE COUNCIL, WAS HAPPY TO ACCEDE TO THIS REQUEST.

(C) "THE FEDERAL AND CANTONAL AUTHORITIES WILL DO ALL IN THEIR POWER TO FACILITATE THE SMOOTH PROGRESS (DEROULEMENT) OF THESE TALKS." END TEXT.

2. EMBASSY HAS SHOWN SWISS PLANNED PRESS RELEASE RECEIVED REFTEL. SWISS ARE HAPPY WITH PARAS. A AND B, BUT HAVE SOME RESERVATIONS ABOUT PARA. C. THEY CONSIDER PRESENT

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WORDING TOO SPECIFIC AND ARE CONCERNED LEST SWISS Q SAEDW8 88/\$1 :!\$  
/3,3;- CANTONAL AUTHORITIES MADE TO APPEAR  
RESPONSIBLE FOR POSSIBLE SHIFT OF OPENING SESSION TO VIENNA  
THROUGH FAILURE TO FIND SUITABLE FACILITIES FOR U.S.  
SALT DELEGATION. SWISS FEAR THAT WORDING IMPLIES  
PRE-CONDITION FOR HOLDING SALT PHASE 11 WP GENEVA.

3. SWISS HAVE ASKED US TO CONSIDER FOLLOWING, SLIGHTLY  
MODIFIED AND MORE GENERAL WORDING.

(A) BEGIN TEXT, "NO DATE HAS AS YET BEEN ESTABLISHED FOR  
THE OPENING OF SALT PHASE 11, BUT SHOULD IT BE AGREED  
TO START NEGOTIATIONS BEFORE THE MOVE TO GENEVA HAS  
BEEN COMPLETED, THE OPENING SESSION MAY TAKE PLACE IN  
VIENNA, AUSTRIA." END TEXT.

1. PLEASE ADVISE ASAP (A) WHETHER ABOVE LANGUAGE WOULD  
BE ACCEPTABLE; (B) WHETHER QUESTION OF TIMING PRESS  
RELEASE HAS BEEN RESOLVED. IT WOULD ALSO BE USEFUL FOR  
US TO BE ABLE INFORM SWISS WHETHER RELEASE WILL BE JOINT  
U.S./SOVIET COMMUNIQUE OR SEPARATE U.S. STATEMENT, WITH  
USSR ISSUING IDENTICAL OR SLIGHTLY DIFFERENT STATEMENT.GDS

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